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VIA ELECTRONIC & OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429



Re:

DE 09- ; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Default Service Request for Proposals for the Period May 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009 for the Large Customer Group and the Period May 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 for the Small Customer Group

Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 13, 2009, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals ("RFP") to procure default service for the period May 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009 for its Large Customer Group and the period May 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 for its Small Customer Group.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket DE 05-126 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 in Docket DE 08-011/DE 05-126 (December 19, 2008), National Grid plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis, i.e., an all inclusive bid price.

National Grid intends to communicate with Staff during the one-week period between the Company's receipt of indicative bids and the due date for final bids to review the indicative bids received. To that end, we propose to schedule a conference call with Staff shortly after receipt and analysis of the indicative bids is completed.

I am also submitting, for notice purposes, National Grid's proposed timeline for this RFP, which was provided as part of our recent default service filing.

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RFP	February 2009 RFP	Man
RFP Issued	February 13, 2009	
Indicative Bids Due	March 4, 2009	
Final Bids Due	March 11, 2009	

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Contract Execution	March 11, 2009
Default Service Filing to Commission	March 16, 2009
Commission Order Needed	March 23, 2009
Service Begins	May 1, 2009

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (781) 907-1849 with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Meredith A. Hatfield, Esq. Service List in Docket DE 08-011 (via electronic mail)